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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING AND 200-
MILE

FISHERIES ZONE

REF: (A) CARACAS 8544; (B) STATE 193106

1. PASSAGE EITHER BILL WOULD BE VIEWED BADLY BY GURC WHOSE
ATTITUDE WOULD BE LARGELY DETERMINED BY CARACAS COMMITTEE ONE
CHAIRMAN PAUL ENGO.

2. ENGO LIKELY BE ESPECIALLY INCENSED BY PASSAGE S1134 (DEEP
SEABED BILL) WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS BRUTAL DEFIANCE OF
INTERESTS
AND POSITION OF LDC'S AND, IF NOT DEFINITIVE ANNOUNCEMENT OF USG
WILLINGNESS TO SEEK REALISTIC ACCOMMODATION, AT LEAST A BALD AND
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UNACCEPTABLE SHOW OF FORCE AND SCORN. SUCH REACTION COULD CERTAINLY

BE EXPECTED TO INFLUENCE ENGO'S (AND GURC'S) ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS TO DETRIMENT OF US INTERESTS.

3. WE WOULD EXPECT PASSAGE S1988 (FISHERIES BILL) TO PROVOKE LESS EMOTION, BUT NEVERTHELESS TO INCREASE DEPTH OF GURC SUPPORT FOR ASCRIBING TERRITORIAL SEA CHARACTERISTICS TO ECONOMIC ZONE.

4. CAMEROON NOT LIKELY TO ENACT DECREES OR LAWS MAKING ITS OWN UNILATERAL CLAIMS (REF A, PARA 2) EXCEPT IN CONTEXT OF CONCERTED ACTIONS BY AFRICAN STATES AFTER DUE CONSULATATION AMONG THEM. RATHER THAN FORMAL ASSERTION SUCH LEGAL CLAIMS PRIOR TO MARCH LOS SESSION, WE WOULD EXPECT PASSAGE SENATE BILL (S) TO RESULT IN GENERALLY HARDENED AND EMBITTERED NEGOTIATING ATMOSPHERE IN GENEVA.
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